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**Romeo & Juliet Webquest English9**

by "add your first name here"  
**Directions:**

1. Copy the questions from below page and paste it into your a word page. (Control A: select all, Control C: copy, Control V: paste).
2. Your task is to answer all the questions using the links provided. Insert your answers after the questions; make your answers a different color than the question Be sure you answer all parts of the question.
   * When you hit enter to put your answer in below each question, use a bullet.
3. Delete these directions (everything from the word 'Directions;" to just above the line) before you finish.

**About Shakespeare**  
Click on [this link](http://shakespeare.palomar.edu/timeline/timeline.htm) and answer the following questions (1-7).

* Click on the link to Birth 1564 & Early Years. William Shakespeare was born in what year?
* **Shakespeare was born in 1564.**
* What date do we recognize as his birthday?
* **April 23 is the date we recognize as his birthday.**
* What was important about Stratford-upon-Avon in the 16th century?
* **Stratford-upon-Avon was an important agricultural center in the 16th century.**
* Click on the link for 1594 and find the acting companies Shakespeare was associated with in the early days. Name one.
* **One acting company that William Shakespeare was associated with in the early days was The Queen’s Men.**
* Click on 1599 The Great Globe. What is the probable year that Romeo and Juliet was written?
* **Romeo and Juliet was most-likely written in 1598.**
* Scroll down to the section "Construction of the Globe," and answer these questions:
  1. Where did the timbers to build the Globe come from?
* **The timbers to build the Globe came from another theatre called The Theatre.**
  1. Who was the carpenter who built the Globe?
* **The carpenter who built the Globe was Peter Smith.** 
  1. What was Shakespeare's share as "householder?"
* **Shakespeare’s share as ‘householder’ was a member of the Chamberlain’s men.**
* What day and year did Shakespeare die? Why is this an *interesting* date? How old was Shakespeare when he died?
* **Shakespeare died on April 23, 1616. It was also the day he was born. He was 52 years old when he died.**

**About Marriage**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/9.html) and answer the next questions (8-10).

1. Romeo & Juliet marry secretly, but because she is trying to escape the arranged marriage to Paris. Read this site about marriage in Elizabethan England and answer these questions.
   1. What does betrothal mean?

* **A betrothal is a contract where two people hold hands and the woman is given a ring to wear on her right hand but it changes to her left when she gets married. They seal the contract with a kiss and their signatures.** 
  1. Name three marriage and betrothal customs found on this page.
* **Three marriage and betrothal customs are that the bride isn’t expected to wear a white dress. The bride’s father generally pays for the wedding. There is a bride ale held in the church yard.**

1. Click on the link for "more wedding customs."
   1. What color should the bride's dress be?

* **The bride’s dress can be any color.** 
  1. How is the intention to marry announced? What happens if it is not announced previous to the event?
* **The intention to marry is announced three consecutive Sundays or holy days in the same parish. If it is not announced before the event, it is considered illegal and clandestine.** 
  1. Describe the wedding procession.
* **The bridesmaids help the bride get ready for her wedding. Then everyone assembles and go in procession from the house to the church. The procession is usually loud. When the groom isn’t part of the procession, he meets the bride at the church door or at the altar. Everyone enters the church at the same time and stand during the rituals. The ceremony is always religious led by a minister. The words said in these services are pretty much the same as they are now because the come from the Book of Common Prayer of 1559. Anyone can attend the wedding ceremony if there is enough room. The day of the ceremony, the contract is signed.** 
  1. What is a dowry?
* **A dowry is an amount of money, goods, and property the bride brings to the marriage.**

1. Explain how important is a wedding ring to the Elizabethans?

* **The wedding ring is important to the Elizabethans because it expresses their love to each other and shows commitment.**

**About Food**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/46.html) and continue (11-13).

1. How many meals do people generally eat each day?

* **People generally eat two meals a day.**

1. Click [here](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/38.html). Why would people in Shakespeare's day not know what a chocolate chip cookie is?

* **People in Shakespeare’s day would not know what a chocolate chip cookie is because chocolate was only used for medical purposes.**

1. Lord Capulet throws a huge party, feast and all. Imagine you are in charge of that menu. Luckily for you, today you only have to plan a menu for a small dinner party. Be sure to use only [food available in Europe](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/47.html) during this time. Choose at least two vegetables, two meats, and two fruits or nuts.

* **In my small dinner party, I would have eggplant, onions, apples, melons, chicken, and duck.**

**Part Two**

**About Language**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/20.html) and continue (14-16).

1. A famous line from Romeo and Juliet is when Juliet says, "Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?" What does "wherefore" mean?

* **Wherefore means why**

1. What does "stay" mean?
   * **Stay means to wait.**
2. [Click here](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/29.html) to get the information you need to translate this conversation. Put your translation in column two. Keep the phrases just about the same, but use Elizabethan words where you can. So, in other words, you rewrite the entire phrase but replace as many words as you can using Elizabethan English.

|| **Person A** || Hello. (A sneezes) Excuse me. || ||

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| **Person B** | Gesundheit! |  |
| **A** | Thank you. | Gramercy | |
| **B** | Say, do you know where the closest bathroom is? | Little room of office | |
| **A** | Certainly. It's down the street in the Kings Tavern. | **Certes. It’s down the street in the Kings Tavern.** | |
| **B** | Thanks. Goodbye. | Gramercy. Good Day | |

**About Theatre in Shakespeare's Time**  
"[Actors, Acting, & Audience](http://www.uni-koeln.de/phil-fak/englisch/shakespeare/)" is the link for the next questions (16-19).

1. How many women actors did the company usually feature?

* **The company usually featured no women.**

1. Was Shakespeare an actor? What was the term used to refer to actors?

* **Shakespeare was an actor and they were referred to as players.**

1. How were the seating arrangements for the audience? How did one get a good seat?

* **The seats were close together and were first come first served.**

1. What would the audience do if they did not like a performance?
   * **The audience would scream and throw objects at the performers.**
2. **Shakespearean Insults**
3. Go to the [Shakespearean Insult Kit](http://www.mit.edu:8001/people/dryfoo/Funny-pages/shakespeare-insult-kit.html) and create your own insult. How you do it is to start with the word "Thou." Next, take a phrase/word from the first column to begin your insult, continue by adding something from the second column, and finish it up royally with something from the third column. Type your own personal Shakespearean insult in the table below. [Thou + choice from column 1 + choice from column 2 + choice from column 3 = your custom made insult].

**Thou craven common-kissing bum-bailey.**